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CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The bill is bracketed.
Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Now can we proceed right to the budget? Yes, place them also in the Journal and then with a little time with this bill maybe some of these things will work out. Take up the budget bill?

PRESIDENT: We are now off Select File. We go to General File and we start with LB 603. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Now the first bill is 603. I would suggest, to start with, that you refer to . . . I'm going to give you two references. One is the Governor's budget bill, which is 554, in your . . .

PRESIDENT: Excuse me Senator. The Clerk should read the title.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK.

CLERK: Read title to LB 603.

SENATOR MARVEL: Now, Mr. President, on a motion to advance 603 to E & R Initial, I would like to make a few opening remarks to try to facilitate this discussion and refer... for instance, we start with the Department of Agriculture. You will find in the yellow book, you will find the reference on Page 83 and you will find on Page 83 is a summary of the Department of Agriculture, and then after that summary are included the various programs under the Department of Agriculture. Also, the Governor's recommendations are on Page...in LB 554 on Page 9, and if you like, you can refer to the Executive Budget, you can look up the...in the printed copy, you can look up the appropriate page. Now this is the way I would like to do it, if it is agreeable to the Legislature. I will make a brief explanation by program of the various items. If you have a question that I can't answer immediately, I would like to refer it to the member of the fiscal staff who has this particular area underneath the South balcony. If you are agreeable when you ask a question that can't be answered immediately, we will go to the next item and you either can visit personally with the member of the fiscal staff or else you can let me get the answer and refer it back to you and we can keep moving. Now if that procedure isn't satisfactory, then we can change it as time goes on. In this particular bill, 603, we are talking about 8.5 million dollars of General Fund, 9.6 million of cash and 1.3 million of federal funds or a total of almost 19.5 million dollars. Now, let's turn to Page 2 and I would like to refer to specific members of the Committee as time goes on and, Senator Stull, I would like to alert you first of all to LB 603 and the discussion on predator controls since you made the motion to adopt the...that particular area. The Governor had put \$60,000 in this Departmental Administration Program 27 of the Department of Agriculture. We heard from others throughout the state who were interested in predator control and we added another \$60,000 or a total net of \$120,000 in this area which added 10 additional people